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02167117 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 20168260 (THIS IS THE FULL TEXT)
Head down the right path using Road Trips Door to Door 1998. (Software Review) (Brief Article) (Evaluation)

Johnson, Dave

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TEXT:

Computerized road atlases abound today. Most can get you from one city to another, and many can also locate specific street addresses from their street-level databases. However, virtually none can provide the turn-by-turn directions necessary to get you from your front door to an actual destination--except for TravRoute Software's Road Trips Door-to-Door 1998.

Road Trips excels at delivering useful navigational instructions. You can save favorite locations, such as your home office or a client's location, in a "favorites" list and select it when creating new routes. You can add up to 50 intermediate stops along the way and edit the map to mark specific roads as undesirable or one-way. Road Trips creates a great printed guide as well--perhaps the best of any atlas program--that displays a map view and specific turn-by-turn directions including the distance and time to every route change. Directions now include interstate and exit numbers, state lines, and occasionally even local landmarks.

But while Road Trips has virtually every U.S. street address in its database, it has almost no knowledge of points of interest and local attractions. It won't find most hotels or restaurants--a definite disadvantage for those traversing a new town on business.

Perhaps to make up for that deficiency, Road Trips now includes Internet links and a feature called Pushpins. Click on the name of a city on the map, and your Web browser launches to provide you with TravRoute's online City Guide, a database of hotels, restaurants, construction updates, current weather, and more. It's a nice addition, but most of the services are simply listed by address. The site doesn't show their locations on the map, and it doesn't include phone numbers or reservation data.

Pushpins, on the other hand, make it easier to add points of interest like restaurants, parks, and business locations to the map display. You can push digital **pushpins** onto any location on the **map**, attach **Web** URLs, and specify an **icon** to represent them. You can also share **pushpins** with friends and download new ones from TravRoute via the Internet.

Road Trips Door-to-Door 1998 isn't the fanciest trip planner on the market--its database deficiencies are most apparent when you try to find vacation stops. However, it has the most powerful point-to-point navigational engine on the market, which makes it a necessity for anyone who spends a lot of time on the road, or for those of us who might not like to stop and ask for directions when lost.

Road Trips Door-to-Door 1998

TravRoute Software

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Princeton, NJ 08540

888-872-8768; 609-252-8197

Fax: 609-252-8166

www.travroute.com

Requires: 90MB hard drive space;

Windows 95 or Windows NT; Microsoft

Internet Explorer or Netscape Navigator (for Web features)

Mfr. Est. Price: \$49.99

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Paintbrush is launched, the current map image is immediately copied to the clipboard and displayed in Paintbrush for editing.

Global Implications

The Global Positioning System (priced separately) employs a Rockwell International or Trimble Navigation GPS PCMCIA Type-II interface card to provide communications to any of a network of 24 satellites maintained by the U.S. government that broadcast worldwide position information free of charge 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. When this system is activated, a small car icon is positioned on the map relative to the location of the transmitting device (in this case, your laptop computer). While this operation appears to be effective (no maps of our location were available at the time of review), **City Streets** was not easily reactivated as the program could not determine when GPS was turned off.

City Streets provides a tool for the mobile professional who has become extremely dependent on the portable personal computer. The mapping database is limited by slower machines that take longer to display city maps, to zoom, and to redisplay new center points. And small laptop screens will limit the amount and resolution of displayed data. The GPS feature can be a savior to those hindered by city traffic and road construction in getting to appointments.

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SPECIAL FEATURES: illustration; table

COMPANY NAMES: **Road Scholar** Inc.--Products

DESCRIPTORS: Evaluation; Geographic Information System; Maps

SIC CODES: 7372 Prepackaged software

TRADE NAMES: **City Streets** for Windows (Map database)--evaluation

OPERATING PLATFORM: Microsoft Windows

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01601361 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 13734400 (THIS IS THE FULL TEXT)

Make **City Streets** your desktop cartographer. (**Road Scholar** 's geographic information data base) (Software Review) (Now in the Channel) (Evaluation)

Emery, Katherine H.

Computer Shopper, v13, n6, p769(1)

June, 1993

DOCUMENT TYPE: Evaluation ISSN: 0886-0556 LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

RECORD TYPE: FULLTEXT; ABSTRACT

WORD COUNT: 392 LINE COUNT: 00030

ABSTRACT: **City Streets** is a series of geographic information databases that allow users to look up and plan routes of their choice. The basic package lists for \$99.95 and includes a free copy of the city of the user's choice. There are 170 metropolitan areas from which to choose and additional cities range in price from \$29.99 to \$49.95. **City Streets** provides users with detailed road listings that are color coded to reflect road type. Landmarks are clearly marked. Users can look up specific addresses and find their location on a map. **City Streets** can calculate the distance between any two points. Additionally, users can create custom maps that show routes, market stops and provide annotations. Users must have at least 3 Mbytes of RAM to run the application plus additional memory to store city-specific maps. The lack of indicators for one-way streets is a drawback to using the package, but **Road Scholar** has promised to fix this problem in future releases.

TEXT:

City Streets
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01677481 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 15306106 (THIS IS THE FULL TEXT)
Business mapping, with Global implications. (Road Scholar Inc.'s City Streets for Windows and Global Positioning System mapping application) (Software Review) (Brief Article) (Evaluation)
Lefkowitz, Larry
Windows Sources, v2, n5, p88(2)
May, 1994
DOCUMENT TYPE: Evaluation ISSN: 1065-9641 LANGUAGE: ENGLISH
RECORD TYPE: FULLTEXT
WORD COUNT: 643 LINE COUNT: 00055

TEXT:

City Streets for Windows (beta)
Road Scholar, Inc.

2603 Augusta, #1000

Houston, TX 77057

713-266-7623; fax, 713-266-4525

List price: \$99.95; additional maps \$29 to \$49 depending on quantity

ordered; estimate on NavCard under \$400; pricing on Mobile GPS not yet available

Upgrade price: Not set at press time

DDE support: No

OLE support: None

Quick take A mapping, locating, and positioning package combining hardware and software to provide electronic mapping of cities and the Global Positioning System to locate anything, including yourself, in a given city.

Traveling businesspeople have become a high-tech computer-industry segment vying for mobile products. **City Streets** (which we looked at in beta), from **Road Scholar**, has developed a program that helps them determine where their appointments are, where to stay, how to get to the next meeting, and how to track their progress while in transit. **City Streets** provides maps of major cities, with a detail default that the user can set to view levels of detail from landmarks to individual addresses.

Road Scholar provides some demonstration maps (New York City, Washington, D.C., and San Francisco) with **City Streets**. You may order one full city map free; others are priced at \$29 to \$49, depending on the quantity ordered. To use the maps, choose a familiar landmark (1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, for example), and a Find tool inserts a **pushpin** marker on the address requested. You can then select an **icon** to mark this point, such as a white house, and type notes about this point in a **dialog box** that the program provides.

Databases can be created for addresses, landmarks, and the like. Databases consisting of street numbers and street names can be compiled in ASCII files, which can then be imported into a map scheme and individually located. Once these custom locations are saved to the map, the user has a permanent record of sales routes, lodging, customer locations, airports, and other important data that appears on a map of a particular city. Since each marked location carries with it a **dialog box** accessible with a click on the marker, telephone numbers, client names, and any other identifying or informative data can be reordered, literally, in the map.

City Streets also offers tools to make location and planning easier. Maps can be zoomed in or zoomed out. The marker remains the focal point if it has been marked as the center of the map. Other map areas can be grabbed and dragged into more-visible positions on the screen. A distance calculator is also included to determine the distance between two points and even the latitude and longitude of the location.

Included drawing tools allow you to customize your map, essentially for amplifying selected locations with instantly recognizable **graphics** tailored to individual taste. When the (included) interface to Windows

card installed, City Streets becomes an interactive locating device that meshes well with the electronic maps. Not only are your current latitude and longitude coordinates displayed but City Streets places a tiny car graphic on the system's maps.

The GPS card, which is manufactured by Rockwell International, has a 2-inch protrusion to which you attach a 10-foot antenna cable. At the other end of the cable is a small circular antenna mounted on a magnet. To work, the receiver must have unobstructed, line-of-sight access to at least 3 of the 24 orbiting global positioning satellites in the GPS network, which the program calls "seeing the birds." There is no charge to receive the GPS signals, which are used for position information by commercial and government ships, planes, and other vehicles. City Streets also works with other global positioning devices, such as the Trimble Navigation GPS Card.

Once the initial location is established by the GPS card, a process that can take up to a minute or more, the position--accurate to within 30 feet--is updated in intervals of one second or longer. The current latitude, longitude, travel direction, and speed are listed below the map.

City Streets has a flexible database structure that allows the linking of additional data. For example, with information on local real estate, a realtor can focus on only those houses that are within a prescribed price range and geographical area for a potential buyer. In order to help in this area, the program includes a sampler CD-ROM from ProPhone of 1.5 million telephone numbers and addresses for New York, San Francisco, and Washington, DC.

WANTED: A GOOD SCREEN

Most of the problems with City Streets are not of its own making. Glare on the screen of the portable PC you're using is the biggest headache of navigating electronically; the images on a dual-scan passive-matrix color notebook computer get washed out easily by sunlight. An active-matrix color display is better, but glare can still overwhelm an image.

It isn't advisable to try to read any map while you're driving, and hard-to-read displays of notebooks in general make it even more dangerous. Our advice is to stop and get a navigation fix on the side of the road.

As long as you can see the screen clearly, City Streets is a useful, high-tech tool, good for everyone from vacationers to delivery and transportation personnel to emergency service workers. With the GPS card installed, City Streets can help anyone who instantly needs to know where they are and where they're headed.

City Streets for Windows. List price: \$99.95; Marco Polo GPS card, \$399.95; extra U.S. city maps, \$29.95; extra European city maps, \$59.95. Requires: 2MB RAM, 10MB hard disk space, Microsoft Windows 3.1 or later; PCMCIA Type II or III slot for GPS card. Road Scholar Software, Inc., Houston; 800-426-7623, 713-266-7623; fax, 713-266-4525.

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COMPANY NAMES: Road Scholar Inc.--Products
DESCRIPTORS: Map Database; Evaluation
SIC CODES: 7372 Prepackaged software
TRADE NAMES: City Streets for Windows (Map database)--Evaluation
OPERATING PLATFORM: Microsoft Windows
FILE SEGMENT: CD File 275

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01704759 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 16273690 (THIS IS THE FULL TEXT)
City Streets can tell you where in the world you are. (Road Scholar
Software's map software) (Software Review) (First Looks) (Evaluation) ✓
Brown, Bruce
PC Magazine, v13, n18, p56(1)
Oct 25, 1994
DOCUMENT TYPE: Evaluation ISSN: 0888-8507 LANGUAGE: ENGLISH
RECORD TYPE: FULLTEXT; ABSTRACT
WORD COUNT: 891 LINE COUNT: 00065

ABSTRACT: Road Scholar's \$99.95 City Streets for Windows mapping package lets users navigate through most cities, but it is not optimal for use on a notebook computer. City Streets is built around an extensive map database. Users load the correct map for their destination city and point to any location to display its address. The search window also lets the user enter an address for the program to find and mark with an icon. The program figures out partial addresses well. Users can trace a route from its starting point to its finishing point and get an accurate distance measurement but not a computation of the fastest route or set of directions. An optional \$399.95 Marco Polo PCMCIA card adds Global Positioning System (GPS) support, turning City Streets into an interactive locating device. The GPS receiver requires unobstructed line-of-sight access to at least three global positioning satellites. City Streets can also be used with other GPS cards. The database structure is flexible, and the program is easy to use. City Streets' biggest problem is not its fault; glare can wash out the image on a color notebook screen.

TEXT:

The right map at the right time can save you a lot of traveling time and agony. With Road Scholar's \$99.95 mapping program, City Streets for Windows, you'll be able to find your way around most cities in the world--especially when you use the program with the optional \$399.95 Marco Polo global positioning PCMCIA card. But be warned, the software in this case is better than they typical PC it will run on.

City Streets is an electronic mapping program built around an extensive database of metropolitan area maps and includes search, display, and customization capabilities. You can do quite a bit with the software alone; it will enable you to view or print custom-designed maps drawn to a variety of scales, with varying degrees of street and route information.

FINDING AN ADDRESS

When you have the correct City Streets database loaded, you can point to a location on a **map** and the **address** will be **displayed**. Alternatively, you can enter an address in the search window and the program will find it and put a **pushpin icon** or **another** selected **graphic** at the location.

The program is also good at figuring out partial addresses, which makes it an extremely helpful tool for salespeople following up on leads.

By tracing a route from its starting point to its finishing point, you can get an accurate distance measurement. Unlike other recent mapping programs, City Streets won't figure the best or fastest route or give you directions, but you can augment the maps with text, landmark names, or descriptions.

The map databases used by City Streets come from ETAK of Menlo Park, California, a leader in electronic maps. Sample maps of the central areas of Manhattan, San Francisco, and Washington, D.C. are included with the product; when you register the software you get an additional metropolitan area map of your choice for free. You can buy extra maps for 180 U.S. metropolitan areas for \$29.95 each and maps of 80 European metropolitan areas for \$59.95 each.

POSITION AND SPEED

With the Marco Polo global positioning system (GPS) Type II PCMCIA

Even if you don't deal in zip codes, GeoQuery can still be a useful tool. Optional atlases for regions ranging from the Pacific to New England are available, along with specialized atlases for ADI (Area of Dominant Influence), DMA (Designated Market Area), and MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area). Atlases with the counties of individual states are also available. Prices for these supplemental atlases range from \$100 per state to \$475 for specialized versions.

Off the Great Divide. Although GeoQuery does an excellent job of creating maps, a few technical points could be improved. GeoQuery Plot data is kept on-disk and not in memory, which means input files are in use while plots are active. I wanted to plot the location of a user-group membership list and also shade state according to user density. I dumped my Double Helix 3.0 report to disk and found that once I had plotted the locations of the membership, I needed to duplicate the file for shading, because it was already in use for the pushpins.

The other problem was that I had to dump data from Double Helix 3.0 at all. The Mac has no dominant DBASE III-type of database-file standard, so most database programs on it don't read much more than ASCII text or SYLK files, but I would think Odesta could at least get GeoQuery to read its own Helix format. The program could also use a more global perspective now that world markets, not just domestic markets, are so important to the economy.

The Bottom Line. GeoQuery is an excellent entry-level mapping tool and geographic data-analysis program. It produces clear maps that help you visualize your data and has a simple interface that lets you concentrate on your data rather than on the intricacies of learning the program.

- Daniel W. RASMUS

GeoQuepy ****

Published by: Odesta, 4084

Commercial Ave., Northbrook, IL

60062; (708) 498-5615.

Version: 2.0.

List Price: \$395.

CAPTIONS: Get Info. (table)

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COMPANY NAMES: Odesta Corp.--Products

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Geographic Information System

SIC CODES: 7372 Prepackaged software

TRADE NAMES: GeoQuery 2.0 (Computer program)--evaluation

OPERATING PLATFORM: Apple Macintosh

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ABSTRACT: Odesta's GeoQuery map-making and geographic data-analysis software package includes zip-code-keyed atlases for the continental US, Alaska and Hawaii. The \$395 program's zip codes are accurate to plus-or-minus 2.5 miles, and map scales can be controlled completely, basing boundaries on the size of the current page setup by double-clicking on the map's legend and entering a new value for miles per inch. Shaded regions can be created to reflect such numeric data as sales statistics and record counts; custom regions can be created with circular or irregular outlines. Regions can be separated from main maps and subdivided on the fly; reports can be produced summarizing data in a region or group of regions. Optional atlases are available for such areas as the Pacific and New England, and specialized atlases for various applications can be bought for from \$100 to \$475.

TEXT:

GeoQuery can help you map where you are and where you're going.

So many slick graphics programs are available for the Mac that too often one particular genre of graphics applications gets overlooked. Yet one of these, map-making, was one of the first tasks that made my Mac a real business machine even when the only two programs I owned were MacPaint and MacWrite. Even now, I still like drawing maps, and I've created some of my most meaningful maps with Odesta's GeoQuery.

Mapping the Most of It. GeoQuery is more than just a mapping tool for the United States; it's a geographic data-analysis tool. The basic disk set comes with zip-code-keyed atlases for the continental United States, Alaska, and Hawaii. You can create markers, called pushpins in GeoQuery, from any ASCII-formatted text file or Clipboard data that contains a zip-code field. Corporate users will appreciate GeoQuery's embedded CL/1 capabilities for retrieval of information in minicomputer databases.

The program's graphing capability helps you visualize the geographic dispersion of your sales force, clients, or even relatives. Imported data can have a label and a type; types are used to group elements for abstract data views. If you were examining retail stores in the eastern U.S., for example, your data might have types called Bloomingdale's, Sears, Macy's, and so on. Their labels, however, could be more specific, such as 5th Avenue Macy's. When pushpins are first loaded, they do not display the detail associated with them, but using the Who? tool and selecting all or part of the map reveals their labels.

The zip codes are accurate to about

2.5 miles. You can completely control your map's scale, with boundaries based on the size of your current page setup, by double-clicking on the map's legend and entering a new value for miles per inch. The Landmark feature lets you create a pushpin for anything with a zip code and can help you get a perspective on your own pushpins (and probably help your children get high marks on their geography papers). Double-clicking on any pushpin with the snooper tool reveals its associated record, and you can calculate mileage from pushpin to pushpin (as the crow flies) with the ruler tool.

If pinpointing areas on a map is not what you have in mind, you might want to create shaded regions to reflect sales data, record counts, or any other type of numeric data. Each state has a region name, and you can develop custom regions with circular or irregular outlines. Custom regions with names can be loaded directly from your data. Shading is based on the count of records, the sum of calculated records for a region, or the average of the calculated fields. You can also combine several files - shaded states might reflect the sales dimension, whereas pushpins might reveal which customers reside in the shaded region.

You can split off any region from the main map so it becomes the primary focus of your attention, and you can subdivide regions on the fly for a more refined look. The program can produce various reports that summarize your pushpin data in a region or group of regions.

maximum speeds.

When you plan a specific trip, you make use of a series of wizard screens that allow you to adjust your user profile. You can then select from quickest, shortest, and preferred routing, which can include an emphasis on scenic roads. For each segment of your trip, you can choose your preferences and enter construction or congestion areas you wish to avoid. For quicker, easier routing, you can zoom to the points on your trip and place flags for the origin, final destination, and intermediate stops.

Trip Planner 98 isn't a street atlas program (the separate Expedia Streets 98 and Streets 98 Deluxe interactive mapping programs fill that niche), but many streets are displayed in major urban areas. You cannot search by address or street levels.

Moving around and viewing **maps** in Trip Planner 98 is quick and flexible. Single-step or sliding-scale **map** zooming, multiple ways to move **maps**, and **browser**-like Back and Forward **buttons** on the toolbar all aid screen navigation. You can click on a **map** location to find nearby points of interest, and you can mark a spot with a **pushpin**. **Pushpins**, which are saved in named sets, each consist of a **symbol** and name, plus optional content (notes, photos, drawing, or **Web** links) of up to 1MB of information. **Pushpin** sets can be shared with other Expedia Trip Planner 98 and Streets 98 owners, and they can be used to create sets of **map**-related details about customers or business events or personal diaries that record events during a trip. They can also be used as **locations** for trip-routing **calculations**.

Printed trip information can include overview maps, summary statistics, itinerary, and a digest of selected attractions. You can print each segment or day starting with a new page, or you can print using the least amount of pages.

Trip Planner 98 supports GPS receivers; nevertheless, if you use a serial-port receiver you'll have to configure it manually by using an included setup program. PC Card-style GPS units configure automatically. When you travel with the GPS in operation, a variable-size icon marks your position and also tracks your progress. A table displays heading, position, time, and current speed; during testing, however, the speed indicator was not as consistent as the same feature used with the same GPS on the same route with AAA Map'n'Go and TripMaker Deluxe.

The Internet content of Microsoft's Expedia Web site--complete with travel tips and articles, currency conversions, weather condition and forecast features, and the ability to make online reservations--is impressive in its depth and organization. You have to register online to make reservations via Expedia, but the ease, speed, and flexibility of the reservation system is a compelling argument for Web-based travel arrangements.

Microsoft Expedia Trip Planner 98 is a convenient routing program with comprehensive destination and location content. It's also the most powerful online travel information and reservation system in this roundup.

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COMPANY NAMES: Microsoft Corp.--Products

DESCRIPTORS: Software Single Product Review; **Map** Database

PRODUCT/INDUSTRY NAMES: 7372480 (Personal & Home Software)

SIC CODES: 7372 Prepackaged software

TICKER SYMBOLS: MSFT

TRADE NAMES: Microsoft Expedia Trip Planner 98 (Map database)--Evaluation

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01376762 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 09485349 (THIS IS THE FULL TEXT)

GeoQuery: GeoQuery can help you map where you are and where you're going.

(Odesta's map-making and geographic data-analysis program) (Software Review) (evaluation)

Rasmus, Daniel W.

COMPANY NAMES: TravRoute Software--Products
DESCRIPTORS: Map Database; Software Single Product Review
PRODUCT/INDUSTRY NAMES: 7375902 (Digital Map Database Providers)
SIC CODES: 7375 Information retrieval services
TRADE NAMES: Road Trips Door-to-Door (Map database)--Evaluation
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02110231 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 19840731 (THIS IS THE FULL TEXT)
Microsoft Expedia Trip Planner 98. (one of four trip-planning software packages evaluated in "Travel Aid from Your PC") (Software Review) (Evaluation)

Brown, Bruce
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DOCUMENT TYPE: Evaluation ISSN: 0888-8507 LANGUAGE: English

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ABSTRACT: Microsoft's \$40 Expedia Trip Planner 98 trip-planning software package links to the company's Expedia Web site for up-to-date information on various destinations and for online hotel, airline and car-rental reservations. The program emphasizes national parks and other attractions, but it is also useful to business travelers interested in sightseeing during their trip. The 1998 version adds restaurant ratings and descriptions from the Zagat Survey and information from Woodall's directory of campground and RV sites, parks and service centers. Among its multimedia elements are conventional and panoramic photographs, and audio tracks with regional and ethnic music. Wizard screens allow user profiles to be adjusted to select the fastest, shortest or preferred route, and while the program does not offer a street atlas, it shows major streets in urban areas.

TEXT:

Microsoft's Expedia Trip Planner 98 capitalizes on the vendor's Expedia Web site, which can be used to access destination weather, events, and road-condition information and to make online hotel, airline, and car-rental reservations. Trip Planner 98 is intended for vacationers, with an emphasis on national parks and other attractions. But it can be helpful for business travelers as well, especially those who want to see the sights along the way.

New features in the 1998 version of this product (previously called Microsoft Automap Trip Planner) include restaurant ratings and descriptions from the Zagat Survey as well as information from Woodall's directory of campground and RV sites, parks, and service centers. A single disk contains in-depth information about national parks (including terrain maps) and scenic drives; articles about and links for regions, states, and cities; and the Expedia hotel guide of more than 19,000 accommodation listings.

Expedia Trip Planner 98 Travel Guide has extensive multimedia content, including conventional and panoramic photographs. It also features audio tracks, including regional- and ethnic-music clips. An attractive light-board-like display is used to identify which items include music or panoramic shots; you can also use it to select photographs. No video clips are included, however. Families planning trips with children will appreciate the Kid Picks feature, which selects points of interest for children.

Trip profiles let you plan out exactly when you want to start and stop driving each day. They also let you choose whether you want to drive straight through or cut short a day's travel within a specified time range. Although it seems risky relying on a PC to track your car's gasoline mileage, you can still enter the size of your gas tank and your car's average highway and city mileage. The program will then insert refueling reminders in your itinerary. You can also set road-type preferences and

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Sugg. List Price: \$99.95; cost for additional cities varies

Requires: 3Mb hard disk space; 480K RAM; EGA or VGA (recommended) monitor.

You may toss out your old ragged fan-fold maps once you've taken a look at **City Streets** by **Road Scholar**. You'll no longer have to strain your eyes looking for one street among the rat's nest of lines in the grid F-2, or contend with photocopied maps with highlighter and pen annotations. You can also say goodbye to expensive printing costs for professional-looking custom maps. In less time than it took you to refold your last street map, **City Streets** plans and maps out your route.

City Streets is icon-oriented and both mouse- and keyboard-driven. Different road grades are color-coded, and areas of interest are indicated with "X" marks. Click on an area of interest and you'll get a little more information. Click on a street and you'll get the address and ZIP code.

Are you planning to visit five prospective clients in Manhattan next week? Give **City Streets** the addresses and it will locate and mark them with colorful pins. Zoom in to get more detail, zoom out to get perspective. Calculate the distance between your stops, plot your route with colored lines and arrows, and generate an annotated custom map to take with you. Give it a title. Create a comment box for textual instructions. Provide a "Zoom Box" within your map for a more detailed section. Save it for future use, and print it on your (preferably color) printer or plotter.

City Streets requires at least 3Mb for the program and whatever extra space your cities take up (NYC took nearly 10Mb alone!).

One potentially serious drawback with **City Streets** is its lack of indication for one-way streets, but the next release promises to have this feature, along with automatic routing between two addresses.

For \$99.95, you'll get **City Streets** and the city of your choice free. Currently, 170 major metropolitan areas are available. Each additional city will cost from \$29.99 to \$49.95, depending on the number of cities you want. For serious map hackers and users, this tool will save you hours of hunting time and bottles of aspirin, and you'll have a lot more fun in the process.

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